

A

# REVIEW

OF THE

## Affairs of *FRANCE*:

With Observations on TRANSACTIONS at Home.

Thursday, July 26. 1705.

A Little farther to Consider this Terrible Bugbear, the Times of the Churches Danger, I must be allow'd, according to the first Proposal, to Examine,

III. *What is it the Church of England is in Danger of?*

I've shown, the Lord Treasurer, the Duke of Marlborough, the Bishops, and the Queen, are the Agents of the Churches Danger, that their Prosperity and Successes are the Mournful Disasters of the Church; and that the farther and faster they go on, the farther the Church of England is from her Desired and Expected Deliverance. That the Progresses of the French, over the Confederates, have in their kind the Directest Tendency to the Dethroning this Regency of Politicks, and consequently to the Restoring the Church of England, in her High flying Capacity, Considered. Now it cannot but be for the General Edification, to Examine? What it is this Church is in Danger of?

1. Negatively: Not in Danger of having her Doctrine Corrupted, or her Principles Debauch'd; we are not so much in pain for those things. And

2. Not in Danger of Socinianism, Deism, and Atheism. Those are Mischiefs that come Gradually and Slowly on, and which we may, in Time, lay our Hands upon, and Crush as we please.

3. The Bishops and Clergy of the Church, are Equally Concerned to Maintain these Things; nor have we any Great Matter of Pretensions upon our Clergy, for Introducing Novelties, or giving up any thing, either in Doctrine or Ceremony to the Dissenters.

4. Nor are we in Danger of Impracticable Comprehensions, or Mischievous Savoy Conferences, in order to lay open the Pale of the Church. These are things of a Different Nature, and much less Consequence, than the Mischiefs we see growing upon the Church, and in the Fatal

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Encrease whereof, we foresee the Church's Ruine.

But our Danger proceeds from the Introduction of a Strange and Unlik'd Monster, a New Hydra with a Thousand Heads, a growing Whimſie of State Churchmen, made up of a Complication of *Nothings*, a Conjunction of Emptineſs, Fallity, Hypocriſie and Policy, a new Unchristian, Antichristian Engine, called *Moderation*.

Behold the Fountain of the Church's Danger; the Tool the Statesmen Work with, in Cobbling up a New Church Constitution.

From hence comes Trusting *Dissenters* with Places and Trusts in the Government; tho' none are put in, and believing that Contradiction to be poſſible, that Enemies to the Church, can be Faithful to the State.

From hence comes Toleration Acts, and giving a Legitimacy to thoſe Baſtards of Error and Deluſion, *Separatiſm* and *Schiſm*; and ſuffering Canting Congregations of Nonſence and Error, to Inſult the pureſt *Proteſtant* Church in the World; to ſuffer a Raving Generation of Sham Chriſtians to be ſet upon the foot of a Legal Eſtabliſhment, in Oppoſition to the Church of *England*; of whom a Learned and Reverend Divine within the Dioceſan Authority of my Lord of *Salisbury*, lately moſt Judiciously ſaid; "Tho' that *Presbyterian Prelate*, took the freedom "to Reprove him for it——That it is as "impoſſible to be Sav'd, out of the Pale of "the Church of *England*, as it would have "been to have Eſcaped Drowning in the "General Deluge, out of *Noah's Ark*."

From this Spectre of Moderation; comes that Invaſion of the Churches' Jurisdiction, Reproaching her moſt Neceſſary *Coercion*; as to *Schiſmaticks* and Separatiſts, which the Black Scandal of Perſecution, and Cloaking all the Follies and Eaſineſs of this Partial and Treacherous Conduſt, under the Specious Covering of Charity, by which means thoſe Profligate People are permitted to Inſult the Church, talk of the Sovereignty of Conſcience, Liberty and Right; who have forfeited all their Civil and Religious Liberty, to the juſt Reſentments of the Church of *England*; and far from meriting the Tenderneſs and Forbearance of Charity, ought juſtly to

be Treated as Enemies to God and the Church, and either Reclaim'd or Rooted out, as Plants which our *Heavenly Father* has not Planted.

Theſe are ſome of the Miſchievous Conſequences of this profeſs'd Enemy to Juſtice; falſly and factiouſly call'd *Moderation*; and this is the thing with which our Miniſters of State, Bully themſelves out of their Duty, and Trim between their own Intereſt, the Church's Safety and the State, pretending that there ought to be no Diſtinctions among *Proteſtants*. Memorial, Page...

Shall they tell us, there ought to be no Diſtinction among *Proteſtants*, when *Proteſtants* wilfully make thoſe Diſtinctions themſelves? Is it not much more Rational for Her Maſteſty to ſay, "She would have no Diſtinction "among her Subjects, but that all ſhall be "of one Religion, and Worſhip God but "one way in her Dominions? This would be an Act of Uniformity becoming a Chriſtian Queen, and this is the only Remedy for the Church of *England*, and ſill ſhe has obtain'd which, there can be no Security for her in this Nation.

Let not our Brethren of the Church, who talk of Moderation, be Frighted and Terrified at the Terms of Bloody Flags, Perſecution and Deſtruction, the Deſtruction of one Generation is the Preſervation of all the Generations that ſhall follow in Ages to come, and it is Mercy to their Poſterity to Deſtroy the Fathers before the Seeds of Faction, Schiſm, and Damning, Deſertion of Chriſt's Church, Taint and Inſect the Blood of their Children; as Thieves that are Hang'd, not in Cruelty to themſelves, but in Mercy to others, that Being warn'd by Example, they may take heed of the Wickedneſs, and of the Punishment, both together.

How ſtrange is it, that any True Son of the Church of *England*, can be Indulgent to theſe ſo fatal Enemies to their True Mother the Church, and can with Patience reflect upon what may be the Conſequence of their Accurſed Fiction of *Moderation*; viz. "Encouraging a Party, whoſe Deſign is to pull "Down the Church, and ſucceſſively to "Triumph over all the ſeveral Parties in it. Memorial, P. 14.



In this Case we Condemn justly all our Prelates who pretend to this *Moderation*— That Dispensing with those who Dissent from the Church, and joyning to Tolerate a Worship of God, Different from what the Church enjoyns, is so far from being *Moderation*, Under the Name whereof, they Cloak and Conceal it; that it, “ Involves them in the Guilt of Contumacy, Schism, and wilful habitual Perjury. *Memorial*, P. 17.

And here again comes the Church's Danger, in that she is withheld from Executing God's Justice upon the Wilful Rejecters of his Divine Worship, under Pretence of avoiding Persecution, as if Moderation and Justice were not Consistent; and it might not be very Consistent with Moderation, not to leave a *Dissenter* either Name or Place in this Nation.

Thus the only Obstacle laid in the Way of the Church's Safety and Glory, is this Curfed Feign'd *Janus-fac'd* Model of Hypocrisie, *Moderation*.

What is it hinders us from *Tacking* all the *Dissenters* in *England* in one Bundle, and raising them into the Fiery Furnace of the High Church's Indignation. Nothing but the Queen suffering her Zeal for the Churches Prosperity to be Cool'd and Smother'd with the Fatal Waters of *Moderation*.

What prevented us running down these Growling Enemies of the Church, at the first Coming of this Queen to the Throne; while Her Majesty was untainted with the rash Resolutions of keeping her Promise, with the Dissenters about the Tolleration, and willing to do any reasonable thing for the full Satisfaction and Settlement of the Church: Nothing but the base Defecting us by our own Friends, Courtiers, Bishops, &c. being secretly Infected and Overrun with the deadly Plague of *MODERATION*.

What lost our Bills against Occasional Conformity, in which, under the Colour of Correcting the Dissenter's Hypocrisie, we had finely Coucht Necessary Preliminaries, for their final Destruction, as a Party? Nothing but the Spreading this Court-Dissenter, and the Contagion of it, Infecting the House of Peers; so as that they all fall into the Scandal of being deceiv'd by the

Specious Outside of a pretended *MODERATION*.

'Tis true, We cannot deny, some of us were to blame to refuse that Bill, *when the Lords offered it*, and when we ought to have considered, *that half a Loaf*, &c. was an Old English Truth— And, especially, since we could not but know, the longer it was consider'd, the more the lateral Mischiefs would discover themselves, and the farther they would be against it, who had the least Inclination to embrace this Scandalous Principle of *MODERATION*.

What, Turn'd out of the Royal Favour, all the long List of the Church's Patriots, and made them and their Politicks, so exceeding contemptible to the People, that the Church is in no Prospect of ever seeing them in such high Trust again, but their Impolitick Resolutions in all their Proceedings, as to Dissenters, to abhor and abandon so much, as the least seeming Appearances of *MODERATION*.

What has turn'd the Nation, in general, so against the *Tackers*, as that in Spight of Bribes, fighting, Drunkenness, Collusion, and all Manner of ill Practices, in Spight of clubb'd Interest, small Burroughs, *Heaving and Thrusting*, with one another, Chopping and Changing of Places; yet above 40 of them are thrown out of the next Parliament, and 40 more of them asham'd to own their Knowledge of the thing, testify their Ingenuity, by resolving to be wiser for the future; is not all this from the further spreading of this most dangerous Contagion among the People, and the Nations too generally embracing this Novel Invention of *MODERATION*.

What prevented us running the Succession aground, and making such deep Incisions in the more fatal Tolleration; which as a poisoned Arrow sticks fast in the Sides of the Church, but the too suddain starting up this horrible *Scare-Crow* of Moderation.

'Tis by Moderation we are undone, the only Danger of the Church is from Moderation. 'Tis a Mine to blow up all the best and deepest Projects that ever were laid for the Good and Safety of the Church of *England*: It daunts all our Essays at the Ruine



of the Dissenters, it is an Assistant to Phari-  
sacism, a Patron to that Devilish Pam-  
phlet, call'd, *The shortest way*. 'Tis the Bane  
of Prelatich Hierarchy in its Triumphal Ex-  
ercise; it makes Queens soft and easie,  
Bishops Double-fac'd, Statesmen Trimmers,  
and Christians, Hypocrites.

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Church of *England*, always declare against  
it; Mortally hate it, and constantly appear  
it, in Defence of their declar'd Principles  
of Extirpation and Uniformity.

May all its Abbettors be reduc'd to a Ne-  
cessity of using Moderation in no other  
Manner than the Nature of the Word, and  
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